Administered prices of fertilizers

*155. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hike the administered prices of fertilizers each year in tune with the increase in input prices; and

(b) if so, what is the final decision, if any, taken in this regard stating the formula, if any, for fixing prices of fertilizers in consonance with the prices of the inputs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) At present there is no such decision.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, question does not arise.

Production of Tobacco

*156. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure adopted by the Tobacco Board to fix the production target of tobacco;

(b) what steps are being taken to achieve production target;

(c) in what manner is it ensured that all the concerned viz. cigarette manufacturers, traders, exporters and growers abide by the norms; and

(d) what steps are being taken against the erring parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTON WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Tobacco Board asses the demand for virginia tobacco wit the country and the potential for expo and arrives at the net requirement af taking into account the carry over stoc To arrive at a relistic assessment, the B ard holds detailed consultants with representatives of the cigarette manufa urers, the exporters and the growers.

(b) The Tobacco Board Act, 1975 a the Rules made thereunder lay down proceddure to ensure that the producti matches the size of the crop auhorised the Board. The Tobacco Board duly regi ters and authorises for each crop t quantity of tobacco to be raised by grower. Each barn used for durii tobacco is also duly licensed. The pro lem has been not of achieving the produ tion target, but rather of excess produ tion in some years.

(c) and (d) The norms regarding pr duction and sale are widely publicise through media, and emphasised in mee ings with growers etc. Anyone producin or selling tobacco, except as provide under the Tobacco Board Act and th Rules thereunder, is liable to prosecutio However, the Tobacco Board has ten ed to take a lenient view in the matte of excess production.

Misappropriation of Jawahar Rozga Yojana Funds in Panchayats

*157. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER b pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no Gov ernment official has visited single J.R.Y work site in any State in 1991-92 anc 1992-93 to ensure proper utilisation of funds under the scheme; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken to prevent misappropriation of funds allotted under JRY?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL